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SUBJECT: LABOR "UNITY OF ACTION" GROUP FALLS APART

SUMMARY. THE UGT WILL NO LONGER ATTEND COS MEETINGS, AND
PLANS TO LET THE "UNITY OF ACTION" GROUP DIE A NATURAL
DEATH. THE SWC AND USO ON THE ONE HAND, AND UGT ON THE
OTHER, HAVE CALLED FOR SEPARATE PROTEST ACTIONS DURING
APRIL. NEITHER THE UGT NOR THE BASQUE STV BELIEVE THAT
AN EXPANDED TRADE UNION GROUP - AS CALLED FOR BY THE UGT -
WILL MATERIALIZE AT THIS STAGE WITH ELECTIONS AROUND THE
CORNER. END SUMMARY.

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1. FOLLOWING A WEEKEND MEETING OF THE UGT FEDERAL COMMITTEE,
UGT SECGEN NICOLAS REDONDO ON MARCH 28 TOLD THE PRESS THAT
HIS UNION WOULD NO LONGER ATTEND COS (THE "UNITY OF ACTION"
NATIONAL GROUPING COMPOSED OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED
WORKERS' COMMISSIONS/SWC, THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST USO, AND
THE SOCIALIST UGT) MEETINGS. HE DENIED SWC AND USO CHARGES

THAT THE UGT HAD ABANDONED COS, DECLARING THAT BASIC DISAGREEMENTS WERE THE CAUSE OF ITS DISINTEGRATION (REFTEL). FROM NOW ON, HE ADDED, THE UGT WOULD SEEK JOINT AGREEMENTS "WITH VARIOUS LABOR CENTER" FOR ACTION AT THE PLANT LEVEL.

2. REDONDO ALSO REFERRED TO THE RECENT DECLARATION IN SEVILLA BY MARCELINO CAMACHO (SWC LEADER) CHARGING THAT THE RUPTURE OF COS WAS DUE TO "OCCULT FORCES" (INCLUDING THE CIA -SEE MADRID 2325 NOTAL) AND THAT THE UGT HAD PLAYED A LEADING ROLE --"WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THESE DECLARATIONS ARE DUE TO CAMACHO'S VERBAL INCONTINENCE OR HIS STALINIST MENTALITY." IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT, UGT'S SEVILLA FEDERATION POINTED OUT THAT THE SWC LINE --"SURPRESSED AND CONTROLLED POLITICALLY BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY - HAS NEVER BEEN RECOGNIZED BY EUROPEAN FREE TRADE UNIONISM. THUS, ITS HYSTERICALLY NOW WISHES TO CONFUSE THE TRADE UNIONISM OF FIFTY MILLION EUROPEAN WORKERS WITH THE CIA."

3. DESPITE THE BREAKUP OF THE COS, THE SWC AND USO HAVE CALLED ON ALL WORKERS TO SET APRIL 15 AS A DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST THE NEW LABOR DECREE (MADRID 1715) AND FOR TRADE UNION FREEDOM. FOR ITS PART, THE UGT PLANS ITS OWN PROTEST ACTIONS DURING APRIL, CULMINATING IN THE TRADITIONAL MAY 1 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.

4. COMMENTING TO LABATT, UGT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MANUEL SIMON SAID THEY DID NOT WANT TO "MURDER" COS, BUT TO LET IT DIE A NATURAL DEATH. HE WAS NOT SURE THAT A BROADER TRADE UNION GROUP (INCLUDING THE CNT, THE BASQUE STV, AND THE

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CATALAN SOC), AS CALLED FOR BY THE UGT, WOULD MATERIALIZE ANY TIME SOON. MORE LIKELY, SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE ELECTION RESULTS, THE STV, FOR ITS PART, TOLD THE EMBASSY MARCH 26 THAT IT DIDN'T SEE MUCH CHANCE AT THIS STAGE FOR AN ENLARGED "UNITY OF ACTION" LABOR GROUP. THE STV DID NOT INTEND TO SUPPORT ANY OF THE APRIL CALLS FOR PROTEST, TERMING THEM "COUNTER PRODUCTIVE" FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE WORKER. EATON

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